ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

TOEFL/IELTS
Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are required of all graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship status, whose native language is not English or who have been educated in countries where English is not the native language. Applications will not be processed until the required TOEFL or IELTS score is received. The TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two years from the test date and are considered official only when received directly from the testing agency.

TOEFL
The minimum TOEFL score accepted by the University is 80 (iBT) or 550 (paper-based). The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842.

IELTS
The minimum IELTS score accepted by the University is 6.0.

English Language Proficiency Assessment
Students whose native language is not English and who are required to submit TOEFL/IELTS scores will be assessed by the University of Denver English Language Center (ELC).

- Students whose University of Denver assessment demonstrates they are proficient enough in English to be academically successful, regardless of TOEFL/IELTS scores, may enroll in graduate academic classes full-time.
- Students whose University of Denver assessment demonstrates minor deficiencies and indicates their opportunity for academic success would be enhanced by ELC support may enroll in academic classes full-time and will be placed in an ELC bridge course(s).
- Students whose University of Denver assessment indicates significant levels of deficiency will be placed in an ELC bridge course(s) but may elect to take an appropriate level of English language instruction at the ELC and may be required to reduce their academic course load accordingly.

Students who do not attend the English Language Assessment must contact the ELC to arrange for an assessment in order to be cleared for registration and will incur a $200.00 assessment charge.

English Language Exemption
Applicants may be exempted from English proficiency test requirements if by the time of matriculation they have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher from a formally-recognized/accredited university where the institution's language of instruction and examination is English. Such applicants may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS and the English Language Proficiency Assessment requirement but not from other standardized graduate entrance examinations.

Note: Individual graduate programs reserve the right to set higher TOEFL or IELTS test score requirements. Graduate Teaching Assistants have a higher speaking test requirement.